



## Kiwanis Recreation Center Dodgeball Tournament Rules



### Format & Rules

- This is an adult (18+ yrs.) open double elimination tournament.
- Matches will be decided using a "best-of-five" format in which the first team to win three(3) games will be declared the winner.
- Teams will be made up of 8-10 players. A minimum of 8 players will compete on a side; others will be available as substitutes.
- Games will be played indoors at the Kiwanis Recreation Center gym.
- The official ball used in the tournament will be a 6" rubber-coated foam ball. Participants must wear shoes, no black soled shoes will be allowed.
- The object of the game is to eliminate all opposing players by getting them "OUT" (once you are out of the game you can not return). This may be done by:
  1. Hitting an opposing player with a thrown ball below the shoulders.
  2. Catching a ball thrown by your opponent before it touches the ground.
  3. The ball is dead once it comes in contact with any wall, ceiling, basket supports, and/or another player.
- Each game begins with all dodgeballs(6) staggered along the center line. Players then take a position behind their end line. Following a signal by the court monitor/official (signal officially begins play), teams may approach the centerline to retrieve balls. Player may begin throwing balls as soon as they are retrieved.
- A player(s) may only hold any ball(s) for 30 seconds, the player must throw the ball to the opposing team after this 30 seconds.
- The first team to legally eliminate all opposing players will be declared the winner. An 8-minute time limit has been established for each contest. If neither team has been eliminated at the end of the 8 minutes, the team with the greater number of players remaining will be declared the winner. In the case of an equal number of players remaining after regulation, a 3-minute sudden-death overtime period will be played.
- Each team will be allowed one(1) 60-second timeout per game. At this time a team may substitute players into the game.
- During play, all players must remain within the boundary lines. Players may leave the boundaries only to retrieve stray balls. A player can not be declared "out" when retrieving balls out side of the boundary lines.
- The boundary lines for this tournament will be: the black side lines of the basketball court extending to the north and south gym walls. The center line shall be the red line extending to each side line.
- Rules will be enforced primarily by the "honor system". Players will be expected to rule whether or not a hit was legal or whether they were legally eliminated. All contests will be supervised by a court monitor\*. The court monitor's responsibility will be to rule on any situation in which teams cannot agree. The court monitor's decision is final.
- HAVE FUN!

\*Exception: All Final Round matches will be officiated by no less than two(2) Officials. These officials will rule on all legal hits and out-of-bounds.

